and rural development does not appear to have been published in the Delhi edition of the 'Hindu' dated 4th February, 1995. There is no proposal to introduce separate channels on Doordarshan exclusively for education and rural development on account of constraints of resources and manpower; nonetheless, 39 per cent of total telecast time on the National Channel is devoted to educational and development programmes. Besides there is now an exclusive channel for education and development operated by the Department of Space, Ministry of Rural Development and IGNOU.

Quality of Urdu Programmes

305. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the broadcast quality of Urdu Programmes on ESD (External Services Division) and NSD (News Services Division) being relayed from Akashwani Delhi and other stations has deteriorated steeply; and

(b) what measures are being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) No, Sir. However, it is the constant endeavour of All India Radio to bring about a qualitative improvement in their programmes.

(b) Does not arise

Fraudulent procurement of Newsprint

306. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a large number of publications are only printing voucher copies and obtain news print quota on bogus circulation figures;

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take against such bogus publications; and

(c) the number of such publications identified during 1991-92, 1992-93, 1993-94 and the names of such publications and the action taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) to (c) Entitlement certificate for import/purchase of newsprint from scheduled indigenous mills is not issued by the Registrar of Newspapers for India (RNI) to any newspaper whose circulation claim is declared unestablished. During the last three years, the entitlement certificates issued to the following newspapers where cancelled by RNI due to unestablishment of their circulation claims:—

1. Somantak, Marathi Daily, Goa.

2. Sunday Mail, English Weekly, Bombay.

3. Rajkiya Rampa, Kannada Weekly, Bangalore.

Exhibition of 'Bandit Queen' at International Film Festival

307. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the 'Bandit Queen', a film based on Phoolan Devi's biography, was exhibited in the recent International Film Festival even before the Board of Film Censors had cleared it;

(b) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item appearing in the 'Indian Express' of the 2nd October, 1994 under the caption "Phoolan Devi hits out at filmy violators"; and

(c) if so, what steps have been or are being taken by Government to ensure that the uncensored film is not exhibited and exploitation of the victims is prevented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) No sir. The film was not shown in the Indian International Film Festival held at Bombay in January, 1995.

(b) Government has seen the news item.

(c) Only films certified by the Central Board of Film Certification under the provisions of the Cinematograph Act, 1952 and the guidelines issued thereunder can be exhibited in public. The responsibility for enforcing the provisions of the Act with regard to exhibition of films rests with the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations.

Electricity rates for different categories of consumers

308. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise electricity rates for different categories of consumers of electricity, including the industrial, domestic, commercial and agricultural, as on 1.1.1994 and as on date;

(b) the State-wise electriicty generation and consumption by different categories of consumers during 1992-93 and 1993-94;

(c) the State-wise revenue realisable and actual realisation from different categories of consumers on account of consumption of electricity during 1992-93 and 1993-94; and

(d) the State-wise estimated loss on the distribution of electricity to domestic consumers and agriculturists, in terms of average cost of electricity distribution, during 1992-93 and 1993-94?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL): (a) The State-wise electricity rates for different categories of consumers of electricity as on 1.1.1994 and 1.3.1995 are enclosed at Annexures respectively. (*See* Appendix 173, Annexure No. 6)

(b) A statement indicating the state-wise including BBMB and DVC power generated during the years 1992-93 and 1993-94, is enclosed at Annexures. [*See* Appendix 173, Annexure No. 6]. State-wise/category-wise (utilities only) electricity sales to different categories of consumers during the year 1992-93 and 1993-94 are enclosed at Annexures [*See* Appendix 173, Annexure No. 6) and Annexures respectively.

(c) A statement indicating the revenue realisation by the State Electricity Boards or the year 1992-93 is enclosed at Annexures [See Appendix 173, Annexure No. 6].

(d) The estimated losses for supply of power to the domestic and agricultural consumers during the year 1992-93 are enclosed at Annexures (See Appendix 173, Annexure No. 6).

गुजरात और महाराष्ट्र में विद्युत की स्थिति

309. **श्री चिमनभाई हरिभाई शुक्ल** : क्या विद्युत मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या गुजरात और महाराष्ट्र में विद्युत के उत्पादन और उसकी मांग में कोई अंतर है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान विद्युत की मांग और उसके उत्पादन का ब्यौरा क्या है तथा अंतर को समाप्त करने के लिए क्या कदम उठाये गये है/उठाए जावेंगे ;